Seismic survey and Drilling work in Rajasthan

1460. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seismic survey and drilling work in the State of Rajasthan has not been adequate despite good prospects of oil and natural gas availability in the Western Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the details of the seismic survey and drilling operations undertaken in the state of Rajasthan so far;

(c) whether the ONGC and the OIL have drawn up any action plan to step up the exploration work in Shahgarh depression area, Bikaner-Nagaur area, Sanchore-Barmer basin and Jiajlar sub basin areas; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) Systematic geological and geophysical surveys have been carried out by ONGC and OIL in the Rajasthan Basin. ONGC has conducted about 7,660 line kms. of conventional seismic and 14,146 SLK of Common Depth Point (CDP) Seismic Surveys after judiciously selecting areas through geological and gravity-magentic surveys. OIL has conducted about 8,400 line kms. of CDP seismic surveys during the period 1985-87. ONGC has drilled 28 wells and OIL has drilled three wells in Rajasthan Basin.

The Sanchore-Barmer Basin is included in the work of North-Combay Basin, currently being conducted under the Intensive Integrated Exploration Programme. comprising seismic surveys and exploratory drilling, with Soviet assistance. ONGC is planning to drill one parametric well in the Miajlar Sub-basin. OIL is also to drill one well this year in the Bikaner-Nagaur area.

LPG bottling plant in Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan

1461. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any LPG bottling plant based on T gas in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to materialise; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above;

(c) The LPG requirement of Rajasthan, including Jaisalmer district, is being adequately met with the existing bottling capacity.

Incurring Heavy Losses by Public Undertakings and Corporations/Cooperative Bodies in Punjab

1462. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various public undertakings and Corporations/Cooperative bodies in Punjab are incurring heavy losses year after year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the annual losses being incurred by the Punjab Public Undertakings and various Corporations (to be shown separately) during the last three years (yearwise); and

(c) whether any official review of the working of these public undertakings and